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[The following is a translation of an item entitled "The CIA Controls 120 Cuban Counter-Revolutionary Groups":]

The CIA of the US renders assistance to some 120 of the 500 Cuban counter-revolutionary organizations that attempt to unite around themselves a very limited number of partisans. The most important tool that the CIA has at its disposal is a well-equipped propaganda apparatus that directs the CIA's efforts against Cuba and the rest of Latin America.

A short while ago the Voice of America considerably increased its broadcasts in Spanish and Portuguese to Latin America. At the same time, some groups of Cuban counter-revolutionaries whose leader is Manuel Artime have been operating a radio transmitter installed in a boat that sails without national flag. The transmitter is called Radio Free Cuba, and its reception is good throughout the Caribbean area. It is admitted that the transmitter is financed by the CIA, although the emigrant organizations consider themselves its owners. The transmitter, patterned after Radio Free Europe, has Us political advisers. It also broadcasts propaganda from Puerto Rico for a fee.

But the CIA has invented something else: it created the AIP, that is, the Inter-American Press Agency. The director of the agency, whose central headquarters is in Miami, is a Cuban counter-revolutionary; its owner is an American whose name is kept secret. It is known that this American maintains close relations with the CIA.

